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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONDURAS AND THE ELECTORAL LAW

REF: (A) TEGUCIGALPA 1994, (B) TEGUCIGALPA 1407

1. AS PART OF MY ONGOING REPORTING ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN HONDURAS, I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE GOH HAS PERMITTED LARGE LABOR/STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS COMMEMORATING MAY 1, IN SEVERAL CITIES IN THE COUNTRY. WHILE THERE WAS SOME MINIMAL VIOLENCE BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS AND COMMUNISTS AT THE DEMONSTRATIONS, GOH PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES ALLOWED THE DEMONSTRATIONS TO PROCEED NORMALLY. LABOR RELATED DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE MAY 1 MEETINGS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL.

2. WITHIN THE SAME TIMEFRAME, THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL HELD THREE DAYS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE NEW ELECTORAL LAW IN ADDITION TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY HELD, WHICH WERE WELL COVERED BY THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA. PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED LAW UNDER DISCUSSION INCLUDED THOSE FOR PUBLIC FINANCING OF THE 1979 ELECTION CAMPAIGN. BELIEVE THIS IS A FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO AN EARLY RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. IN THE RELATED PRESS REPORTING, FAVORABLE

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EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS MADE ON MY RECENT STATEMENTS ON THE FAVORABLE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN HONDURAS AS COMPARED WITH SEVERAL OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

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